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RADIUM INSTITUTE EXPANDS; PLAN NEW MEDICAL ACADEMIES

The Marie Curie-Sklodowska Memorial Institute in Warsaw, Wawelska Street, is constructing a new type room for its "radium bomb," used for cancer treatment. The ceiling and walls will be lined with lead plates a few centimeters thick to insulate upper floors against radioactivity. The bomb will hang from the ceiling in a lead container. The charge of radium salts will be 5 grams, the highest concentrated anywhere in the country. Patients will stay in the room only for a few seconds, while radioactive rays will be beamed by the doctor from an adjacent room by means of a periscope. The institute will also have a waiting room and a small hall leading to the basement.

The Council of Ministers has passed a resolution calling for the creation of medical academies in all parts of Poland. Up to now such academies were found only in Bytom, Gdansk, and Szczecin. Universities will transfer to these academies their departments of medicine, dental surgery, and pharmacy. Under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Health, the new institutions, including one in Poznan, are scheduled to open in January 1950.

The Health Ministry has announced that the investment plan for medical and sanitary services under the Six-Year Plan will amount to 60 billion zlotys.

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It is planned to build 1,927 new delivery rooms, and 1,160 rural and 660 urban health centers. One hundred twenty-eight emergency stations will be added. An additional 16 blood transfusion stations will be established. The expansion of medical aid facilities will involve an expenditure of 23,623,000 zlotys.

Due emphasis will be placed on proper training of physicians and medical assistants. The number of medical students will be increased by 2,920. Twenty-eight new professional schools for training of medical assistants will be built.

Hospitals, clinics, and sanatoria will receive 27,623,000 zlotys.

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